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In re Application of:

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For: A POLYMER/CLAY NANOCOMPOSITE )  
COMPRISING A CLAY MIXTURE AND )  
A PROCESS FOR MAKING SAME )

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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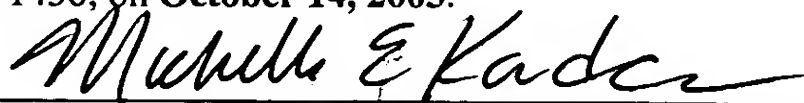
Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, Applicants submit the following amendment.

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